COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 727/78

of 10 April 1978

introducing a countervailing charge on cucumbers originating in Greece, Romania and Spain

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 of 18 May 1972 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1034/77 (2), and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 27 (2) thereof,

Whereas Article 25 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 provides that, if the entry price of a product imported from a third country remains at least 0·50 unit of account below the reference price for two consecutive market days, a countervailing charge must be introduced in respect of the exporting country concerned, save in exceptional circumstances ;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 244/78 of 6 February 1978 fixing for the months February to April 1978 the reference price for cucumbers (3) fixed the reference price for Class I products at 50·47 units of account per 100 kilograms for the month of April 1978 ;

Whereas the entry price for a given exporting country is equal to the lowest representative prices recorded for at least 30 % of the quantities from the exporting country concerned which are marketed on all representative markets for which prices are available, less the duties and the charges indicated in Article 24 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 ; whereas the meaning of representative markets is defined in Article 24 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 ;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2118/74 (4), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 668/78 (5), the prices to be taken into consideration must be recorded on the representative markets or, in certain circumstances, on other markets ; whereas it is necessary to multiply the prices with the coefficients fixed in the first indent of Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 244/78 ;

Whereas for Spanish cucumbers the entry prices calculated in this way have remained at least 0·50 unit of account below the reference price for two consecutive market days ; whereas a countervailing charge has therefore to be introduced for these cucumbers ;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 678/78 of 5 April 1978 (6) has introduced a countervailing charge on cucumbers originating in Greece, and Romania ;

Whereas the group of exporting countries should be amended pursuant to Article 26 of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 ;

Whereas the entry prices available at present for these three exporting countries allow the application for Spain and Romania of one charge equal to the difference between the reference price and the arithmetic mean of the average entry prices established for each of these two exporting countries and, for Greece, a separate tax equal to the difference between the reference price and the arithmetic mean of the last entry prices available for this latter exporting country ; whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 678/78 of 5 April 1978 should therefore be repealed ;

Whereas, if the system is to operate normally,it should be calculated for the entry price on the following basis :

— in the case of currencies which are maintained in relation to each other at any given moment within a band of 2·25 %, a rate of exchange based on their effective parity ;

— for other currencies, an exchange rate based on the arithmetic mean of the spot market rates of each of these currencies recorded for a given period in relation to the Community currencies referred to in the previous subparagraph,

(1) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 125, 19. 5. 1977, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 37, 7. 2. 1978, p. 11.
(4) OJ No L 220, 10. 8. 1974, p. 20.
(5) OJ No L 90, 5. 4. 1978, p. 5.
(6) OJ No L 92, 6. 4. 1978, p. 12.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. A countervailing charge of 11·61 units of account per 100 kilograms net is applied to cucumbers falling within subheading ex 07·01 P of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Spain and Romania.

2. A countervailing charge of 19·27 units of account per 100 kilograms net is applied to cucumbers (subheading ex 07.01 P of the Common Customs Tariff) originating in Greece.

3. Regulation (EEC) No 678/78 is hereby repealed.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 12 April 1978.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 April 1978.

For the Commission

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